

The vision of Second Story is of a community in which all young people are safe, live in a nurturing environment and have the opportunity to reach their full potential. Founded in 1972 as “Alternative House,” Second Story transforms the lives of children, youth and their families by providing safe havens and opportunities for them to grow and thrive. Our programs provide support at critical turning points in their lives.

JOIN OUR BEACON OF HOPE SOCIETY

Make a multiyear pledge to help ensure the financial sustainability of our impactful work.

ATTEND AN OPEN DOOR

Join us for an Open Door Information Session to find out how Second Story’s programs are helping our most vulnerable population.

BECOME AN AMBASSADOR

Help raise awareness in the community by inviting a group of friends or coworkers to an Open Door.

LISTEN TO REAL STORIES

Our podcast is dedicated to telling stories of youth who used to be in our programs and others in our community who had first stories of hardship and were able to change the narrative and write their own second story.

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Second Story

Youth Services and Safe Shelters

Helping teens in crisis, young mothers, homeless youth, and the community since 1972.



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For more information about Second Story and its programs, please contact the administrative offices at: **703.506.9191, TTY 711 or info@second-story.org.**

Locations in Northern Virginia and serving young people in the Washington DC area and beyond.

NONPROFIT STATUS

Second Story is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, which receives funding from various federal and local entities, including the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and Fairfax County’s Consolidated Community Funding Pool. Second Story also receives significant funding from private foundations, corporations, individuals and the faith community.

Housing and supportive services are provided to eligible persons regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, familial status, or handicap, and particularly to those who were least likely to apply in the absence of special outreach.

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Second Story for Homeless Youth

- Homeless youth, ages 18-24
- Long term housing, rent help, access to services
- Coaching, life skills training

Second Story for Homeless Youth steps in at a critical moment for youth finishing high school, starting college, or entering adulthood as they seek an empowered future. We provide counseling and life skills training, rental assistance, and material support to help them overcome trauma and hardship and reach their full potential. On average, more than 80% of these young people meet their employment goals and almost 100% meet their education goals.

Second Story for Teens in Crisis

- Safe house, ages 13-17
- 24/7 Crisis Hotline
- Counseling, meals, and guidance for homeless teens and teens in crisis

Second Story for Teens in Crisis is a completely voluntary program for young people experiencing homelessness, abuse, trafficking, neglect, or other crisis situations. Much more than just a place to sleep, Second Story for Teens in Crisis is a licensed mental health facility, designed to help young people pursue health and independence. Each teen receives intensive individual, group, and family counseling and help keeping up their education. Young people may stay for up to three weeks at a time as staff and counselors help them plan their next step and write their second story.

Second Story for Young Mothers

- Pregnant and parenting youth, ages 16-24
- Housing, food, clothing
- Parenting and life skills training

Second Story for Young Mothers helps young women attain stability and independence as they build a life for themselves and their children. We provide housing, counseling, and training to homeless women in the DC metro area who are pregnant or have young children. With an emphasis on parenting soft skills, completing an education, job readiness, life skills training and basic self-sufficiency, young women work to be able to support themselves and their children, breaking cycles of poverty, abuse, and homelessness.

Second Story in the Community

- Help for elementary-age youth, teens, adults, families
- After-school programs, food, clothing, translation help, access to resources, and more
- Asesoramiento En Español

Second Story in the Community helps at-risk youth, their families, and the community get the support they need so they can have the freedom to write their own second stories. We offer three community based programs: Family Resource Centers, Safe Youth Projects, and a Teen Center. We run Fairfax County Family Resource Centers that focus on self-sufficiency, leadership, parenting, and family support. Our Safe Youth Projects offer homework help, recreational activities, educational field trips, and workshops. Our Cumore Teen Center offers teenagers a supportive and welcoming environment away from gangs and violence. Our programs help people along in their path toward empowerment.

NEED HELP? Call 1-800-SAY-TEEN or text "TEENHELP" to 855-11 to reach a live counselor.